

| U.S. TEXTILE/APPAREL MARKET INDICATORS: | Latest Month | Previous Month | Year Ago |
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| Employment (Bureau of Labor Statistics, thousands)# | 463.6 | 467.7 | 526.5 |
| Production workers (BLS, thousands)# | 388.8 | 393.0 | 440.3 |
| Average hourly earnings (BLS)# | \$11.41 | \$11.37 | \$11.30 |
| Weekly hours worked (BLS)# | 40.3 | 40.2 | 41.2 |
| Unemployment rate, textile mill workers (BLS)# | 7.3 | 8.2 | 3.1 |
| Textile production index (Fed. Reserve Board, 1992=100) | 85.4 | 86.2 | 98.4 |
| Knit goods production index (FRB, 1992=100)* | 82.2 | 83.3 | 96.4 |
| Man-made fibers output index (FRB, 1992=100)* | | 80.2 | 107.4 |
| Textile capacity utilization (FRB) | 71.6 | 72.0 | 79.9 |
| Consumer price index, apparel ex footwear (BLS, 1982-84=100) | 122.2 | 121.3 | 126.1 |
| Producer price index, textiles & apparel (BLS, 1982=100)# | 121.1 | 121.2 | 121.6 |
| Man-made fibers (1982=100)# | 107.8 | 107.1 | 108.3 |
| Processed yarns & threads (1982=100)# | 104.2 | 104.6 | 107.7 |
| Greige fabrics (1982=100)# | 114.7 | 115.5 | 113.1 |
| Finished fabrics (1982=100)# | 122.5 | 122.3 | 123.0 |
| Home furnishings (1982=100)# | 122.4 | 122.6 | 121.8 |
| Carpet (1982=100)# | 124.0 | 124.4 | 124.8 |
| Apparel retail sales (Dept. of Commerce, billions) | \$13.361 | \$14.200 | \$14.309 |
| Textile manufacturers' sales (DOC, billions)* | \$6.563 | \$6.660 | \$7.215 |
| Inventories (DOC, billions)* | \$11.005 | \$11.061 | \$11.718 |
| Inventory-sales ratio* | 1.677 | 1.661 | 1.624 |
| Imports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)# | \$53,632 | \$45,727 | \$52,626 |
| Exports (DOC, millions, year-to-date total)# | \$11,589 | \$10,152 | \$12,587 |

U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS:

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| Employment (BLS, millions) | 135.181 | 134.393 | 135.31 |
| Unemployment rate (BLS) | 4.9% | 4.9% | 3.9% |
| Disposable personal income (DOC, billions, annual rates) | N/A | \$7,651.1 | \$7,112.3 |
| Real disposable personal income per capita (1996\$, a.r.)* | \$25,077 | \$24,633 | \$23,830 |
| Consumption outlays, clothing (DOC, billions, a.r.) | N/A | \$277.107 | \$276.690 |
| Industrial production index (FRB, 1992=100) | 140.3 | 141.8 | 149.0 |
| Housing starts (DOC, millions, a.r.) | 1.574 | 1.548 | 1.508 |
| Consumer price index (BLS, 1982-84=100) | 178.2 | 177.5 | 173.6 |
| Foreign exchange value of dollar (FRB, March 1973=100) | 103.32 | 103.77 | 100.76 |

Not seasonally adjusted, otherwise all indicators adjusted for seasonality.

* August, otherwise latest month is September.